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From: Mattos Enterprises <gomedia@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 9:59 PM
To: California Water Commission
Subject: Del Puerto Canyon Dam

Dear Brianna,

I am unable to participate in the upcoming meeting regarding Del Puerto Canyon Dam. I have meet with Josh Harder and sent emails to him regarding this ill-conceived plan to flood Del Puerto Canyon to create an 800 acre reservoir that will hold up to 82,000-acre feet. which will take 5 years to fill with most of the water coming from the California Aqueduct. It will cover Indian Burial Grounds, geological finds and dinosaur fossils. They will have to re-route Highway 130 (Del Puerto Canyon Road) There are over 17 other canyons that would be better suited and one in particular that will hold over 1.7 million acre-feet of water just south of San Luis Reservoir. Called The Los Banos Grande Reservoir that was approved for funding back in the late 80's but it was never funded. It makes no sense to destroy Del Puerto Canyon. The City of Patterson had designated the Gateway as the lower part of the canyon is referred to be open space for all to enjoy. It would be a travesty to flood this canyon. Look at the facts destroying Del Puerto Canyon does not make sense. 82,000 acre feet or 1.7 million acre feet of water storage that will not impact any community. Josh Harder never responded to my emails. Follow the money and you see a few people who will profit, that is not serving the whole community. We desperately need water storage and not a small lake that will only serve a few.

Sincerely,
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